



PARENT HANDBOOK

SCHOOL CULTURE

Purpose (*Why do we exist?*): Our purpose is to serve parents as they bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Mission (*What are we trying to accomplish?*): Our mission at Logos School is to provide a classical and Christ-centered education in order to graduate young men and women who are equipped to shape culture through wise and victorious Christian living.

Core Values (Fundamental beliefs that inform decisions, actions, and behaviors.):

1. **Gratitude:** Saved people are thankful people. “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” Eph 2:8. We know, through the scriptures and through experience, that we are guilty and dead in our sins. God has come to us, saved us, adopted us, and given us life with and in him, and none of it is our doing—it’s all gift. Logos families are grateful people. A number of years ago a group of high school students started thanking their teachers after class: each class, every day. It wasn’t a big deal, but as they left each of their seven class periods, they would make eye contact with the teacher and simply express their gratitude for what had been given to them. This practice grew and continued, and now we encourage new students to follow the lead of those who went before them. Our first response to the gospel is gratitude.
2. **Sacrifice:** One of the central commands given by the one that saved us is to imitate Him. “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Matt 16:24. Saved people imitate the one who saved them. Our parents sacrifice to have their children at Logos School. Logos teachers sacrifice themselves for their students. Logos students sacrifice themselves each day as they work hard and invest themselves in their studies. When an adult enters the classroom, our students stand; this is a small sacrifice of honor, time, energy, and deference. When the bell rings in the classroom, the girls are dismissed first and the guys exit second. This is a small way that our gentlemen are learning to put others before themselves. Our second response to the gospel is to take up our cross and follow him—sacrifice.
3. **Excellence:** Our Savior does what He does with excellence. As we imitate Him in sacrifice, we also imitate Him in excellence. “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men” Col. 3:23. Everything we do is an offering to Him. What we are seeking to live out at Logos School is grace-powered excellence. Therefore we strive for excellence in teaching. We are grateful for teachers who are masters of their material, who know their students well, and who are excellent at introducing one to the other. We also strive for excellence in our students. Regardless of whether they are putting on a classroom play, taking a spelling test or competing on the lacrosse field, our goal is to fulfill the requirement in Colossians of doing the activity with all our hearts, and doing it as unto the Lord. Our final response to the gospel is excellence.

Guiding Principles (*How we do our job.*):

1. **Second Mile Service:** We are committed to going above and beyond in extending hospitality. We will go out of our way to provide a warm and welcoming environment in which families

and staff are regularly surprised by how well they are loved, listened to, and served (Phil. 2:3).

2. **Fight with Grace & Truth:** As Christians we are engaged in a spiritual and cultural war. We are committed to fighting with confident meekness, loving God and our neighbor as we serve parents. We will remain confident and gracious as we stand on the truth of God's word.
3. **Continuous Improvement:** We are committed to providing better service to our families each year. While we are thankful for what God has done in our midst, we are confident that He is not done with any aspect of Logos School. We are focused on becoming better each year as the Lord sanctifies our institution over time.
4. **Beauty of Holiness:** We are committed to providing an education that is faithful (rigorous, obedient, respectful, self-controlled, intentional, etc.) and that is also beautiful (delightful, surprising, interesting, exciting, etc.). We want families who are amazed at how much their children are learning and at how much their children enjoy the process.
5. **Joy in Trials:** We are confident that we will face challenges and adversity, and we are committed to bringing those trials (great and small) to the Lord in prayer, thanking Him for them, and counting them all joy in light of the fact that we serve a God who is sovereign and good (James 1, Philippians 4). We see these trials as opportunities to glorify God as we advance the Logos mission.